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ASPC-Tucson to open new Level-1 Beds New Level-1 beds save Arizona taxpayers money and improve public safety

A ribbon cutting and tour will be conducted at **ASPC-Tucson**, Thursday, December 9, 2004, 11 a.m. The **Catalina Unit**, a 300-bed facility for low custody male inmates, staffed by 53 FTE, is named after a mountain range. Most of the other nine units at ASPC-Tucson are also named after Arizona mountain ranges. The Catalinas are located near Tucson.

It is one of four new low-custody units expanding ADC capacity by 1,000 beds. The 1,000 beds were approved during the fall 2003 special session and have been completed on time and under budget.

Dedication ceremonies were held at ASPC-Douglas yesterday:

The **Eggers Unit**, a 200-bed facility for low custody male inmates, staffed by 49 FTE, is named to honor the memories of COIII Brad Eggers and COII Delyn Eggers who served at the Douglas complex. Mr. and Mrs. Eggers died last December.

ASPC-Perryville, December 13, 2004, 11 a.m.

The **Piestewa Unit**, a 200-bed facility for low custody female inmates, staffed by 48 FTE, is named to honor Lori Piestewa. The staff at Perryville admired Army Specialist Piestewa's service to her country. She was the first American service woman to lose her life in Iraq and the first female Native American soldier to die in combat. A number of ADC staff has also served in the military. Other staff and officers are currently deployed overseas or are serving at home in the Guard and Reserve. The **Santa Rosa Unit**, a 300-bed facility for low custody male inmates, staffed by 56 FTE, is named after a Native American community in southeastern Arizona.

The Level-1 Units lower correctional costs for taxpayers.

- Construction costs \$13M less than traditional methods
- On-going operational expenses \$3.5M less annually

The Level-1 Units improve public safety

- Low custody inmates within two years of release assigned to 4 units for discharge planning
- Direct supervision and unit management, proven inmate management techniques adopted

Host communities benefit

- A total of 206 new FTE
- Inmates will work full time, many performing community service for state and local agencies

The name for each of the units was suggested by the correctional employees of the Arizona Department of Corrections.

These 1,000 level-1 beds are the first ever-low custody beds built by ADC. Currently, low custody inmates are confined in higher custody housing units, which are more expensive to build and operate